Expansion of Ernakulam Railway Station

927. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T.R. BALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of funds was allotted for the expansion of Ernakulam Junction Railway Station during the last three years;

(b) what amount, out of it, has since been spent; and

(c) what are the details of ongoing projects and by when each project is expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs.21.71 lakhs was allotted and Rs. 20.95 lakhs spent during the last three years.

(c)

Sl. No.	Name of work	Likely to be completed during
1	Parcel Shed . . .	1989
2	Carriage watering arrangements . . .	1989
3	Raising floor level of station building . . .	1990

By-pass projects on National Highway 47

928. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of by-pass projects presently being undertaken on National Highway 47;

(b) what is the estimated cost of each project;

(c) by when each project is expected to be completed;

(d) what amount of funds has been allotted so far to each of these projects ; and

(e) what amount has been spent on each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Particulars of two by-passes under construction on NH 47 are as follows : —

Name of the by-pass	Sanctioned cost (Rs. lakhs)
(i) Chalakudy	147.162
(ii) Trivandrum (part length)	390.89
Besides estimates for acquisition of land for the following by-passes have also been sanctioned :	
(i) Alleppey	84.674
(ii) Quilon (part length)	139.04
(iii) Coimbatore	364.43

(c) Chalakudy by-pass is expected to be completed by March, 1991. Part length of Trivandrum by-pass is likely to be completed by March, 1992. It is too early to indicate the expected date of completion of the other by-passes.

(d) and (e) The funds are allotted to States in bulk and not project-wise. The allotment of funds and expenditure as reported by the States is as under : –

(Rs. crores)

State	Allocation of funds	Expenditure upto December, 1988
1. Kerala	13.50	2.5108
2. Tamil Nadu	20.00	10.1544

U.S. steps to check operations of Sikh Terrorists from its soil

929. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASHAD :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Stephen J. Solarz, Chairman of House Asian and Pacific Affairs Sub-Committee of U.S. visited New Delhi in January this year and assured Government that U.S. would not permit Sikh terriorists to operate from its soil;

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken by U.S. Government to prevent the use of their soil by Sikh terrorists for their operations in India; and

(c) which other countries have taken similar action to prevent use of their territory by Sikh terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Government has cooperated in combating the international dimensions of terrorism directed against India. In particular, the following actions of the US Government are noteworthy:

(i) Denial of visa requests to Persons espousing the cause of extremists.

(ii) US security agencies have made elaborate arrangements for security of VIP and officials visiting USA.

(iii) US Government have made positive statements on Punjab-related developments.

(iv) US Government and the Government of India have had a preliminary exchange of views about replacing the present extradition arrangements between the two countries by a formal Extradition Treaty.

(v) Indian and US experts have been consulting on the questions of anti-hijacking measures and airport security.

(c) Other countries have their own legal and administrative framework for addressing the issue of terrorism.